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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Confirmation No.: 1387
TAKATORI <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit: [REDACTED] 10054038 - GAU: 2419
Appl. No.: 10/054,038	Examiner: Haliyur, Venkatesh N.
Filed: November 12, 2001	Atty. Docket: 2222.6080000
For: Communication Terminal Device and Billing Device	

First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Listed on accompanying IDS Forms are documents that may be considered material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached IDS Forms based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. The required fee is provided through online credit card payment authorization in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Copies of documents FP1-FP3 and NPL1-NPL3 are submitted.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Document FP1, JP 63-131635, is in the Japanese language and appears to describe LAN control equipment, as indicated by its English language abstract, which has been cited and submitted as NPL1.

Document FP2, JP H09-055718, is in the Japanese language and appears to describe a data communication device, as indicated by its English language abstract, which has been cited and submitted as NPL2.

Document FP3, JP 2000-209200, is in the Japanese language and appears to describe a packet charging system, as indicated by its English language abstract, which has been cited and submitted as NPL3.

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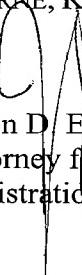
It is requested that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the child application no. 11/696,498 filed April 4, 2007, and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed IDS Forms, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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